

The Honorable James L. Robart

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

THE HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE CENTER, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

V.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES, *et al.*,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C18-01442-JLR

**JOINT STATUS REPORT AND
ORDER**

Noted for: August 27, 2020

Plaintiffs THE HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE CENTER (“HRDC”) and MICHELLE DILLON (collectively, “Plaintiffs”) and Defendants U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES and OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT (collectively, “Defendants”) hereby provide the Court with a Joint Status Report pursuant to the Court’s July 8, 2020 Order (Dkt. No. 55).

Since the last Joint Status Report (Dkt. No. 54), filed on July 7, 2020, Plaintiffs provided Defendants with a settlement demand to resolve their claim for attorneys' fees

1 and costs. Defendants are in the process of obtaining settlement authority for the
2 purposes of entering into settlement negotiations. As this case involves two separate
3 entities within the Department of Health and Human Services, this process is time-
4 intensive as it includes various reviewing entities and authorizations.

5 Plaintiffs' claim for attorneys' fees and costs is the sole remaining claim of this
6 litigation. The Parties plan to attempt to resolve that issue without the need for judicial
7 intervention. Accordingly, the Parties request that they be given until October 12, 2020,
8 to file a stipulated dismissal of this matter with prejudice if they reach agreement on fees
9 and costs. Should the Parties not resolve that issue October 12, 2020, the Parties will
10 submit a joint status report on that date.
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12 DATED this 27th day of August, 2020.
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ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED that:

The parties shall file a stipulated dismissal of this matter with prejudice or a joint status report to the Court on or before October 12, 2020.

Dated this 27th day of August, 2020.

Jean R. Blunt

JAMES L. ROBART
United States District Judge